

Transcription:

[Written vertically]

Excuse the “flüchtige” Schrift ; I must not exert my hand, and just fly over the paper with the pen

Tarasp, 1st September.

My dear Miss Davies!

Many thanks for your letter. I am delighted to know you in such nice company enjoying the lovely Scotch scenery, and I wish I could pay you, a visit at Morven. Is it Ossian's spot? I have had just three weeks here, drinking and bathing, and taking beautiful walks in this grand neighbourhood, living entirely for my health. My second son (the soldier) was with me part of the time. Now

I am going homeward, via
Innsbruck and Marz [er?].
I have chosen that route
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to meet Madame Schu-
mann in the latter place,
where she will be from
the 5th to the 9th . She
will return home then, for
she has already been at
Baden for some time in
the spring. I long to see
her again ; poor Mme. Schu-
mann has just lost a very
old friend again in Livia
Frege, and seems to take
it much to heart. It is sad
to feel lonelier, as time gets
on. – You are too young and
busy to feel that! Happily!!
I am sorry that your idea about
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the Berlin 4tet party cannot be
realized ; we could never be spa-

red at the Hochschule all four
together. A week is the utmost
we might be away, and this
would not make it worth while
either artificially, or in a business-
like way. So you must come to
Berlin to hear us, and I am
glad you will. My influence
in the Philharmonic Concerts
at Berlin does exist so
I could do nothing for you. Although
I am on good terms with Bülow,
I would never venture to interfere
with this programmes. He
must have his own ways ; just

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as I like mine!
But I regret to hear that
there is something else going
on in Berlin on the 2nd November
when you intend giving your con-
cert. I must inquire when
I come home, and will tell
you whether it is advisable for
you to stick to the date.
If I am free on that day, which

I shall only know in the beginning of October, and you wish to play any concerted piece with violin, you know that I am at your service. How charming to meet in your native place for the festival before ; I look [written vertically] forward to the concerts with great pleasure.

Remember me most kindly to the Keillers, and say many greetings to Miss Grist. From yours very faithful Joseph J.